RUSSIA TREMBLING; LEVY ON GRAIN FAILS

Bolsheviki Again Seize Products at Collapse of Tax in Kind.

HIGH FIGURE DISPUTED

Soviet Congress to Meet To-day to Consider Economic Policy.

DELEGATES PROLETARIAN

Soviet Congress, which is to convene Leaders Admit Dictatorship Is here to-morrow. Foremost among these are the consideration of the preliminary Not Representative of results of the new economic policy, Country. which abandons Communism to a con siderable extent, and the famine which

taxes in kind that could be collected from the peasantry, for if these proved nsufficient an appailing catastrophe threatened Russia this winter. Indications are that this tax in kind has proved insufficient, for the Bolsheviki have abandoned this system and returned to the previous Soviet practice of expropriation from the peasants by

to selieved that the result of the failure of the system will be Russia's total collapse in January and consequent chaos for want of food.

In the last few weeks all eyes in Russia have been fixed on the returns of the tax hind. The Pravida, official Balshevist organ in Moscow, reports that 143,000,000 poods (2,574,000 tons, a pood being 36 pounds) of grain were collected intrough the tax, but it was the privilege of The New York Herald torrespondent here to-day to see reports on the subject collected in Russia by agents of a foreign Government which is absolutely unprecided and is only anxious for Russia's recovery. These reports made it certain that only 77,000.

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Moscow, Dec. 19 (Associated Press). in economic policy by a more or less representative body.

SLUMP IN CHRISTMAS GIFTS **CLOSES MOST VIENNA SHOPS**

'Golden Sunday' Worst on Record and Peasants Unable to Exchange Foodstuffs Owing to Prices Demanded Being Refused by City Retailers.

Special Cable to The New York Hemale.

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Vienna, Dec. 19.—There will be no
Christmas merrymaking among Vienna's
middle and poorer classes this year.
With prices soaring higher daily "Golden Sunday," which is always reserved
for the purchase of Christmas gifts, was
the worst on record, the public being
simply unable to pay the high prices demanded. As a result of this lack of
trade, most of the sheps closed at noon
yesterday.

An unusual feature yesterday was a
long line of peasants trying to exchange
foodstuffs, which they carried with
them in baskets, for Christmas presents,
but retailers refused to pay the prices

demanded for these food supplies, 3,000
crowns being asked for a pound of butter and 200 crowns for an egg.

[The Austrian crown was quoted yesday, at four one-hundredths of a
cent, or 2,500 to the dollar. Its normal
line view of the dearth of food, the
Government has not yet come to a decision regarding the proposal to suspend
all State foodstuff subsidies, which it
originally intended to put into effect on
January 1. Manufacturers declare they
will accept the burden of refunding to
workmen the difference between the old
and the new food prices only if a radical reform is carried out. The workers,
however, demand a gradual suspension
of the present system.

the agenda of the Ninth All-Russian EX-KAISER'S LETTER CALLED PROPAGANDA

Termed Monarchist Trick to Discredit Democracy.

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Reval (via London), Dec. 19—The crucial issue in Russia's transition from Communism to so-called capital-from Communism to so-called capital-from Communism to so-called capital-from Soviets call elections by means of issue and which delegates are selected to attend to which delegates are

conventions in provincial capitals, which designate the delegates to the Moscow Congress. Only workmen, soldiers, sailors and peasants who do not employ any laborers except their own families are entitled to vote under the Constitution. Bolshevists make no claim that the elections to the congress are democratic. They frankly call their system a dictatorship of the proletariat and do not pretent that their Government has the support of a malevil.

tend that their Government has the sup-port of a majority of Russians. At every session of the All-Russian

neals.

It had been expected that the Governor would appoint a successor to Justice William S. Andrews of the Supreme Court, who when elected as an associate judge last month was sitting with the Court of Appeals by designation. Judge Andrews was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Emory A. Chase of Catskill.

PORTUGAL IN THROES OF NEW REVOLUTION

Cunha Leal, Who Formed a Ministry, Defeated and His Fate Is in Doubt.

CASUALTIES ARE LARGE

Fighting on Both Sides of the Tagus and Hospitals Are Filled.

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Tuesday) .- A revolution has broken out in Portugal. ccording to a dispatch to the Daily

Chronicle from Paris. It began with cannonading along the Tagus River and severe casualties Ex-Tammany Chief Suffering have resulted to both sides.

The hospitals are crowded with ounded and dying.

or the Premier is not known.

Washington, Dec. 19.—A new Government was formed last hight at Lisbon. Portugal, the State Department was advised to-day, with Cunha Leal as Prime Minister and Julio Falkas, formerly Minister of Public Instruction, as Minister of Marine, were assassinated. Portugues Example of the Interior, and Jose Carlos Maia, former Minister of Marine, were assassinated. Portuguese Royalists are declared to have been the formenters of the striffe which has prevailed for several months past.

Late in November dispatches from the Portuguese frontier reported that another revolution was brewing inside the republic and that the troops in Lisbon had been confined to barracks. In the general unrest there were reports of a strong undercurrent of radicalism.

Since the assassination of Premier Granjo three new Cabinets have been formed, one headed by Vasco Vasconcellos, the second by Major Pinto and the third by Cunha Leal.

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William Zaranko, nead of the House Wreckers' Union, which Robert P. Brinded dell kept out of the Bullding Trades Council and tried to supplant with a union of his own, announced yesterday the organization of the Union Demolition Company, with a capital of \$25,000.

In which the members of his union are the shareholders.

California Alien Land Law Upheld by Court

S AN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.— California anti-alien land law forbidding aliens ineligible to citizenship from owning or leasing agricultural land, was upheld to day by a court of three Federal

Several other States have enacted laws patterned on the Cali-

fornia act. The decision was given in a case nvolving the leasing feature of

the act. It said:
"Such a leasehold is an interes in agricultural land and nothing in the treaty with Japan secures to Japanese subjects residing in this country the right to possess, ac-quire or enjoy agricultural land or an interest therein."

CROKER MUCH BETTER; SON CABLES TO DUBLIN

From Bad Cold.

DUBLIN Dec. 19 (Associated Press) .wounded and dying.

The dispatch adds that Cunna Leal, who formed a temporary Ministry last week, was attacked in the Carlos barracks and he and his followers were compelled to beat a retreat. The fate of the Premier is not known.

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RUSSIAN AID BILL IN SENATE.

ARBITRATION BY U. S.

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IS DISCUSSED BY CHILE

Peru's Stand on Tacna and Arica esting the dispute. Santiago newspapers commented on the purported text of Peru's note. the Mercurio of the validity of the Treaty of Ancon, newspapers commented on the purported text of Peru's note. the Mercurio not indicate what the Peruvian Government desired to arbitrate, since "the suggestion to arbitrate the entire problem of the South Pacific' is far too vague." The newspaper, however, feels the note arouses nope the negotiations may reach a result.

The Diario Hustrado thinks the arbitrate, and auggesting tration proposal has no place in the adjustation, and asserts that a discussion of the validity of the Treaty of Ancon, which it says is the basis of legal relations between the two countries, is absolutely unacceptable.

Lima. Peru, Dec. 19.—All Peruvian newspapers applied the Government's action in refusing to accept the laviage tion of the Chilean Government to hold a plebiscite in the disputed provinces of Tacna and Arica.

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